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“Nontraditional Careers for Chemists: Thinking Outside the Beaker”

A chemistry background prepares you for much more than a laboratory career. The broad science education, analytical thinking, research methods, and other skills learned are of value to a wide variety of employers, and essential for a plethora of positions. By understanding your own personal values and interests, you can make informed decisions about what career paths to explore, and identify positions that match your needs. This talk will provide a broad overview nontraditional careers for chemists, such as chemical information, patent work, technical writing, education, human resources, sales and marketing, and much more. We will discuss typical tasks, education or training requirements, and personal characteristics that make for a successful career in each field. Valuable tips and advice about planning career transitions will also be provided.

Dr. Lisa M. Balbes has been an American Chemical Society volunteer career consultant since 1993, providing career management advice and information to literally thousands of scientists. She is the author of “Nontraditional Careers for Chemists: New Formulas in Chemistry”, published by Oxford University Press, an ACS certified master workshop facilitator, and an internationally invited speaker on various career topics. She earned her Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her undergraduate degrees in chemistry and psychology from Washington University in St Louis.

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